MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know from the Law Member whether there is any provision that the Council can be conducted with forty-nine members, as against this strict provision of the Regulation that there *shall* be fifty members of whom twenty-eight shall be elected?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Where is the provision that the Council cannot function? There is no provision that *all* the fifty members should be alive when the House is sitting.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Are there fifty members, alive now?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Whether alive or not, the *seats* are open, any member may contest the election and come forward. I may also remind the member that twenty members, or so, form the quorum. So, the House can go on with the business even if there are only twenty members present.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): There is no question of quorum at all. It is a question of proper constitution of the Council.

PRESIDENT: I rule that the Council is properly constituted.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Cases filed in the Second Class Magistrate's Court, Kottar, during 1104-1106.

112. MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many cases were transferred from the Second Class Magistrate's Court at Kottar from 1104 to 1106;

(*b*) how many cases were filed in this Court between 1104 and 1106;

(*c*) how many cases were discharged before collecting evidence for the defence in 1104, 1105 and 1106; and

(*d*) how many cases were discharged soon after the examination of the complainants?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 12.

(*b*) 2,833.

(*c*) 1104—83 cases.
1105—52 cases.
1106—54 cases.

(*d*) 1104 — 17 cases.
1105—29 cases.
1106— 8 cases.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): In view of the answers to parts (*a*) and (*b*), may I know from the member whether it is not a proof that the litigant public is losing confidence in the present Magistrate?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is no proof of it. There are only twelve transfers out of 2,833 cases.

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